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Monday, Oct. 28 Dubuque Halloween Parade (Jackson Park to Washington Park)

Thursday, Oct. 31 ·Halloween Dance and Costume Party (Dubuque County Fairgrounds) · Trick or Treating (all across Dubuque) Clarke Haunted House (Mary

Frances Hall)

Dedication honors Mother Clarke



The original cornerstone from Clarke College, formerly known as St. Josephs Academy, to be dedicated November 1.

By Lisa Kapka Staff Writer

ne semester at Clarke College: \$7,858; lab fees: \$50; a Clarke sweatshirt: \$40; preserving a piece of Clarke College and the remembrance of Mary Frances Clarke: priceless.

At 123 years old, the original cornerstone from the first Clarke College building has been publicly re-displayed.

A dedication ceremony to remember Mother Clarke and the BVMs will be held Friday November 1, the 169th birthday of the BVM community. The 11:30 a.m. ceremony will be by the monument, which is now outside of Eliza Kelly Hall

The cornerstone has been stored in Keller Computer Center garage since 1985.

This monument's brilliance will have the addition of a time capsule and a plaque

from the first administration building.

A few things that will be included are a list of the BVMs activites at Clarke in 2002-2003, a brochure from the 9/11 memorial service, a Telegraph Herald featuring Clarke as one of the top schools in the Midwest, a Courier issue, a student handbook, and an Irish rosary donated by President Catherine Dunn, BVM. The cornerstone bears the inscription "St. Joseph Academy 1879" and the initials "J.M.J." for the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

In the fall of 1879, construction began and the seed of today's Clarke College was planted: Margaret Mann Hall was built.

Mother Clarke had pioneered and endured, finding the land and the money with the other original BVMs to risk everything to establish St.

Joseph's Academy at Clarke's current location.

The cornerstone is almost back in its original place.

Margaret Mann Hall sat to the west of Eliza Kelly Hall until the treacherous fire 18 years ago.

Many professors still remember the fire and how quickly everything can be taken away.

Norm Freund, chair of the philosophy department, once had an office in Margaret Mann Hall.

"It's important attached to our roots," he said. "Rededicating the stone is a great reminder of our past achievements and our faith in the future."

There is no sword in this stone, and it doesn't grant any wishes. Instead, it holds the foundation of Clarke College. It celebrates Mother Mary Frances Clarke's 200th birthday and honors her achieve-

Lecturer slaps privilege in the face

By Tony Frenzel Editor

ormally, people do not spend much time pondering the difference between poverty and privilege. These two words cover the full scope of the human condition: those who have no power to change their situations and those who have all the power.

This year's first Mackin-Mailander lecture featured Angie O'Gorman, a non-violence trainer who has worked with immigrants and the poor her entire life. O'Gorman's speech centered around the idea of teaching the underprivileged many how to take control away from the privileged

"The authorities in our lives have given us their best wisdom," said O'Gorman. "That wisdom is no longer sufficient because it is not credible. It isn't credible because it comes from the experience of one percent of our population: the privileged

She reinforced this idea by pointing out that the extravagant lifestyles of the

wealthy are not sustainable in the long run. "The world is not willing to bear the burden of the American lifestyle," she said.

"Poverty is more than just a financial issue. It is a lack of control over the way people are organized and filed away," she said.

Two models that have been implemented to fight the gap between poor and rich include welfare reform and job training. O'Gorman pointed out that neither has been successful in reaching the goal for which they were intended.

Instead, she advocates a policy of creating dialogue between the two types of people.

"The only way to create solutions to these problems is to learn our lessons from the poor, the people actually living this reality," said O'Gorman. "Putting the global common good above comfort will only happen when we learn our lessons from the poor 99 percent of our world population."

O'Gorman also illustrated her approach to solving continued on page 3..

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Feng Shui faux pas

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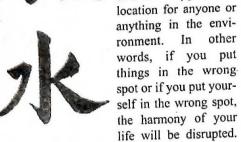
Feng Shui is a joke.

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"Feng Shui" written in Chinese characters

practice, Feng Shui has gained popularity in the West, probably because Westerners will adopt anything that explains why their lives are utter messes.

In order to understand Feng Shui, you must understand chi. Chi is the hidden life breath that permeates the environment, according to Lillian Too, author of The Little Book of Feng Shui. You can mess up chi by not following Feng Shui. Hey, that looks like it rhymes: Chi and Feng. Shui. But guess what? It doesn't, because you pronounce Feng Shui either "Fung Shoy"(the Cantonese way) or "Fung Shway" (the Mandarin way or the way they say it on the TV show Trading Spaces).

I've been doing a little researching about Feng Shui and I found that pretty much everything in my life violates Feng Shui. I finally know why my life is so un-harmonious: I don't follow the rules of Feng Shui. Let me share a few of my Feng Shui faux pas. Oh, but first try saying "Feng Shui faux pas" ten times fast. Actually, try saying it once, it's hard enough.

Feng Shui Rule:

(All rules are from The Little Book of Feng Shui) Do not sit with your back to a window. If you do, you will be the first to suffer in any crisis or difficulty. Do not sit with your back to a door. Do not sit with your back to a bookcase. Sitting with your back to a bookcase signifies knives cutting into your back.

By Teresa Meyer **Editor**

So where exactly am I supposed to sit? When riding in the car I sit with my back to a window: everyone does. In class, I often have my back to a window. At home, one of my favorite places to read is in a chair in front of a bookcase. Feng Shui seems to eliminate quite a lot of seating

Feng Shui Rule: Grow oranges or limes and display them at the entrances to your home. An orange or lime tree symbolizes the ripening of prosperity and good fortune.

No matter how hard I try, plants that I try to grow always die, except for cacti. Feng Shui does not allow for those who don't have green thumbs, I guess.

Feng Shui Rule: Avoid having prickly cactus plants inside the home. The thorns of these plants represent tiny arrows that cause killing energies to accumulate.

I finally know why my life is so unharmonious. It's because I don't follow the rules of Feng

Shui.

Funny how the only plant I can succeed in growing is a cactus, and yes, I have the cactus inside the home.

Feng Shui Rule: Avoid pictures with three people. It is believed in Feng Shui that three friends in one picture means that the one in the middle will be separated from the two at either side. Does this mean I

should throw out all my pictures of three friends? Or maybe I should analyze them. Hmmm...actually, I have this one picture of two friends, and I'm standing in between them...uh oh.

Feng Shui Rule: Place a picture of a threelegged frog in your living room to magnify your wealth luck.

Now I know why I'm not rich, it's because I don't have a three-legged frog picture.

World News gone wild

By Julie Connors Staff Writer

Women Spends 32 Days with Scorpions

Thailand—A woman set a new world record after spending 32 days in a 130-foot square room with 3,400 scorpions. Kanchana Ketkaew, 30, was stung over nine times during the time by the scorpions, but she has developed an immunity to their sting. For the past six years, Ketkaew has been performing with the scorpions for tourists. She was given a \$1000 reward by the Guinness Book of World Records for beating the previous record set by a Malaysian woman who spent 30 days with 2,700 scorpions.

British Doctor Banned from Practice

London-A British doctor was banned from practice after rudely telling a patient she was going to die of cancer. Dr. Mohammad Al-Fallouii told the patient " you have cancer, I have asthma, we all have to die sometime." This is just one more incident of rude or lewd comments that this doctor has made. The media in London calls him "a walking terror in white coat." Al-Fallouii has also been known to make rude comments to female staff and has sent a flirtatious card to a young female patient. The committee on the case came to the conclusion that it would be unsafe for him to resume practice.

Miss Captivity to be Crowned

Lithuania-A television producer from Lithuania is organizing an event to find the most attractive female serving time in Panevezys Penal Labor Colony. There are over 1000 inmates in this all female prison, and they already have had many interested in participating. Those competing will be excused from working in the sewing factory during the week of competition. The winner and the runners-up will qualify to win over 2,500 dollars in prizes, which they would receive only upon completion of their jail terms.

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Random irritations

By Michael Harrelson Staff Writer

Throw out your own take out

There's nothing more inviting than getting up at 6 am, walking into the bathroom and catching the smell of stale garlic butter that has been spilled on the floor from the nearby pizza box. For some reason, someone decided that they were going to share last night's dinner with all of us. The bathroom trash is not a community dumpster. And if the rest of you could at least make an effort to throw your paper towels in the general vicinity of the trash can, it would be much appreciated.

At least be creative with the spoons

I like the idea of carrying around spoons, but it's boring. If you're going to carry that thing around like it has become a part of you, at least do something funny or interesting with it. Eat

some pudding, fling spitballs, do something that will draw attention to you in a manner that says, "Hey, I have a plastic spoon!" And why does it have to be spoons? "Sporks" would have been a lot funnier and probably a lot more convenient.

Leave the board meals in the cafe

One of my biggest pet peeves is eating in class. I don't mind the occasional breakfast bar or doughnut, but leave the board plan in the SAC, please. If I'm sitting in class trying to listen to the review for a test, the last thing I need is some joker sitting next to me with a bag of Fritos, a bowl of soup, and an entire box of Golden Grahams. Now I'm not saying that you can't snack, but if what you're eating requires a utensil, you shouldn't be eating it. If you think you're too loud, you probably are. It's only 50 minutes, you'll live!

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A date with Andrea Bixler, Trapping raccoons early in the morning

By Heather Meyer Staff Writer

ou think you know, but you have no idea. This is the diary of Andrea Bixler, biology department raccoon hunter.

"I suppose I could have studied bobcats. but then there's that chance of your arm getting ripped off," said Bixler. Whoa. I am glad we're looking for raccoons.

"I guess it can get scary when you have a raccoon that is snarling at you," continued Bixler. "Tve been growled and screeched at, but when it comes down to it, they would rather be running away from you.'

Raccoons: you know them, they know you, but what's really behind those masks? Bixler chose raccoons because she is interested in the dark, sordid underbelly of the lives of common animals: their pastimes, hangouts, and sexual preferences.

At 5:20 a.m. my alarm awakens me enough for me to not get up. At 5:50 I realize I need to be in my car by 6 a.m. I get up, curse the Courier, and dress for

"There was an orange tabby cat in there a few times this summer."

the occasion: two layers of sweatshirts, two pairs of socks, jeans, stocking hat and a jacket. I pick out the most efficient shoes I own: the 1998 gray New Balances with their permanently rockencrusted treads seal the deal.

I reach my car and realize I have forgotten the camera and tape recorder Ten minutes later I am ready to leave.

On my drive to the Swiss Valley Nature Preserve I am terrified of running over a raccoon, therefore making one of Bixler's study subjects roadkill.

Arriving at Swiss Valley was like wait-

ing for a blind date. Bixler and I had never met, and with my cold-morning ensemble I was pretty indistinguishable. Once we realized we must be the right people because no one else was at the Nature Center at 6:30 a.m., we began our trek to locate the eight traps Bixler had set up and checked six days each month since April.

Traipsing through the brush, we come upon the first trap. It is occupied not by the intended raccoons, but by a seemingly docile opossum, too terrified to consent to an interview. Bixler spoke a few words to the animal and then propped the door open so it could leave whenever it felt ready.

Onward to the second trap! We find that an opossum also occupies it. This one, however, hissed expletives which can't

be printed. Once again we left the door open for it to leave.

On our way to the third trap I found that I had fallen into a felled tree and could not get myself out. Bixler laughed, perhaps the raccoons did too.

The rest of the traps did not have anything in them. Each trap is filled with one can of 9 Lives ocean white fish cat food, and yes, Bixler has caught her fair share of domestic cats in the traps.

"There was one orange tabby in there a few times this summer," she said. The cats are either feral or domestic cats trying to get in touch with their adventurous selves. One would think that if a cat was hunting, finding a can of cat food would be defeating the purpose. (I digress.)

One of the more interesting findings is that Bixler has located two adult male raccoons in the same location three times..

"Raccoons are not social animals, but I have found these two in together in two different dens," said Bixler. Are these two liberated raccoons embarking on an alternative lifestyle?

"Normally two adult males would be competing for food, mates and the like," Bixler said. Unless of course the only thing they are competing for are each other's affections. "I definitely do not have any evidence that suggests that," clarified Bixler.

Bixler is doing a descriptive study to find out what habitats the raccoons prefer . She is hoping to incorporate this study into her environmental biology class, allowing students to experience how scientists gather the information studied in class.

'We talk about it in class," said Bixler. "Nothing compares to actually seeing it happen."

Since we did not trap any raccoons, Bixler recounted the study process to me. First, she anesthetizes the raccoon in-a metal restraining tube. Then, it is measured, weighed and studied. If the animal is large enough, she fits it with a radio collar. This allows her to locate where the animal resides during the day.

"Some of the raccoons I have collared I have never been able to locate again. The collar sends a signal if the animal has not moved for eight hours straight, so I don't think these raccoons are dead or the collar has fallen off," said Bixler. Are the raccoons keeping secrets from us?

Raccoons potentially carry rabies, parasites and other harmful health afflictions. Oh goody.



New Car breaking all the limits

By Jennifer Beyerlein Staff Writer

Unbelievable. That's a Nissan? Nissan is trying to clean up its act and get with the program by releasing the new Nissan 350Z. This exciting, aerodynamic car was

made available in

America in August From frontal view

it looks like a Toyota MR2, and from the back it looks like a newer version of Nissan's own Altima.

Nissan has really done it this time. They have come out with their greatest sports car

known as a fast performance starting with the enthusiast automobile. I think this is model), and a DVD navigagoing to be better than that.

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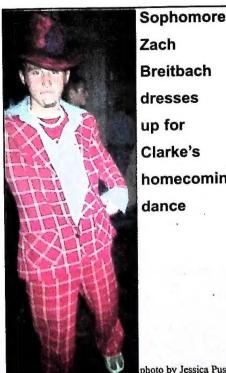
350Z: the base, enthusiast, performance, touring, and track model. Each one increases in price and options. The track is the most expensive, and has the most options.

They include a five-speed automatic transmission, high-

since the 300ZX, which was density xenon lights (both tion system (starting with the performance model). Side air bags and head curtains are

options that can be found on any "Z." Other optional accessories that come with any "Z" are an autodimming rear view mirror, leather interior, six-disk auto CD changer, floor and trunk mats, a nose mask, rear spoiler, and splash guards.

For further information visit www.nissanusa.com



Zach Breitbach up for Clarke's homecoming dance

photo by Jessica Pusateri

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this problem by elaborating on biblical teachings that she considers to be misinterpreted. O'Gorman had the crowd demonstrate the principle of turning the other cheek by slapping a partner. To turn the other cheek means to force someone to face you as an equal. According to O'Gorman, this is what the impoverished need to do, force the privileged into facing them as equals.

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Student Profile: Matt Wilden Perseverance leads to success

By Katie Bahl Arts and Entertainment Editor

is high school football opponents would hiss "fatty" at former nose guard Matt Wilden. That hurt him a lot.

When he started looking in the mirror and hating what he saw, Matt knew he wanted to change. With the support of his friends and physical therapy mentor, broad-shouldered Matt transformed his beefy 255-pound frame into the strong and healthy 165 pounds he is today.

Matt, a physical therapy major, grew up in a family where his large size was an accepted family trait, just like the shoulder pads, shin

"I ate less chocolate, fewer potato chips, more salad," said Matt. "I even started to read labels, you know, those white things on the sides of boxes."

guards, and filthy football jersey he wore. He and his little brother, Jeff, played football at Cedar Rapids Linn-Mar and his dad coached a rival team, Cedar Rapids Jefferson. His mom videotaped all of his games.

"When Dad missed the games he would critique the videotape. Sometimes he'd chew me out saying, 'Matt, what were you doing" Matt said.

By Tiffaney Kraemer

Staff Contributor

state of worry. As election day

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Have-a voice,

its your choice!

"At school, I was stereotyped as the typical football player -a dumb jock," he said.

Weight wasn't really an issue for Matt. He made friends easily and could be spotted saying "Hi" to everyone he passed in the high school

Matt's good-natured attitude could not withstand the constant rude comments from his football opponents and he began to wish his body were different. He noticed how his "skinny" friends could exercise with ease.

His senior year, Matt tore his knee in a motorcycle accident. The intensive two-month physical therapy program and his physical therapist, Tom, inspired him.

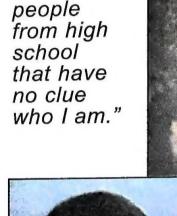
"He showed me ways to do things when I thought there wasn't a way," said Matt.

The treatments he received for his injuries intrigued him. Soon Matt was volunteering at the clinic to learn more about rehabilitation and the physical therapy profession.

His growing interest in physical therapy combined with the recent breakup of his long-term girlfriend sent Matt spiraling on an uncertain path. "It was an awakening. I took so much for granted," said Matt.

With his first year of college approaching, Matt slowly began to change his daily routine. He started a construction job and focused on his

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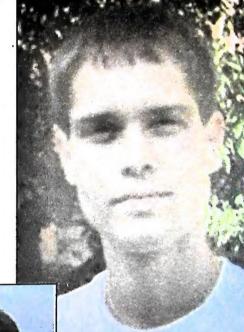


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Clarke graduate PT student Matt Wilden lost 90 pounds his freshman year at Clarke. His freshman I.D. picture (left) shows Matt before his weight loss. Above, a photo from today.



By Mike Harrelson Staff Writer

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By Julie Conn Staff Write

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3. For the business name.

along with your city and state. Look for your absentee ballot in the mail. An added bonus: You will have something to look for to when you check mail!

that CWD presents challenges McCallum met with the U.S. to Wisconsin's deer hunting Department of Agriculture tradition and is a serious threat officials in Washington, D.C. to our deer heard, one of our and aggressively pressed for state's most treasured natural more testing authority after a resources," McCallum said. white-tailed deer on a hunting preserve game farm in McCallum has set up CWD Wisconsin tested positive for

Deadlines Time is running out, so get your ballots and send them in! Must be postmarked by Nov. 4 Illinois Must be received by Nov. 5 Wisconsin

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Wisc.candidates battle over Chronic Wasting Disease

listening sessions at locations around the state in conjunction with various state agencies. A brochure has been published to. aid in the understanding of the disease. "This brochure and the additional resources it identifies will put more facts about CWD directly into the hands of hunters and other citizens," McCallum said.

Despite everything McCallum is doing to deal with CWD, Jim Doyle believes McCallum is failing Wisconsin. "The McCallum administration has not prepared the state to provide reliable, widely available testing for CWD that would help restore hunter confidence," Doyle said. Other states battling CWD, such as Colorado, have testing stations available statewide that pro-

results in less than two weeks. The latest hunting license figures from the DNR are that there have been 30 percent

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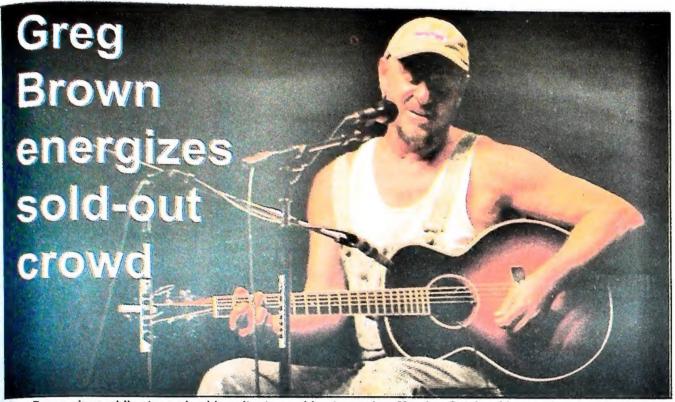
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Greg Brown sings while strumming his guitar to a sold-out crowd on Monday, October 14.

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By Mike Harrelson Staff Writer

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One was dressed like Bon Jovi, complete with cowboy hat, leather jacket and boots.

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This was supposed to be the Grammy nominated Greg Brown and Bo Ramsey?

My doubts soon turned into the tapping of my foot as the guitar duo played.

This show was one of the best live shows I've seen here on campus.

The mellow blues and fastpaced tones in Greg's deep raspy voice were inviting.

The music, in one word, was excellent. Greg played a warm acoustic guitar, and Bo blended perfectly with a slightly distorted slide guitar.

The songs they played actually painted an image in your mind and the lyrics added that much more because of their humanistic simplicity.

Watching them was just as fun as listening.

Greg bounced and bobbed his head constantly.

Bo was so lost in the music I thought he was going to fall out of his chair from leaning over a little too far.

All in all, the show was great! I actually ended up purchasing one of Greg's CDs that was for sale. If you missed the show, you missed one of folk's best performers.

If you ever have the chance to catch him some other time, make sure you get yourself a front row ticket!

A lyrical journey

By Juan Nino Staff Writer

trong lyrics. Good beats. Awareness and honesty. Nas, a rapper, from Queens in New York recently released his album "The Lost Tapes". Nas is known for his previous releases "Illmatic", "It was Written", "I am", "Nastradamus", and "Stillmatic". The CD is a collection of

CD REVIEW



NAS

The Lost Tapes The album has a

ground classics. All songs in the album were dispersed in different mixed tapes, but now the fans get a chance to have them in one CD.

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very smooth beat and blunt logical lyrics. The hidden track on the CD

"Fetus" is a retrospective of his family and the roots of his inspiration. Track eleven "Poppa was a playa" is a revelation of Nas's relationship with his father. The album is consistent for the most part. If you are a Nas fan or a hip-hop fan this addition to your collection would be worth it. Is a true lyrical journey through

some real life experiences.

El Dia de los Muertos: Not Mexican Halloween

By Julie Connors Staff Writer

he Day of the Dead, or El Dia de los Muertos in Spanish, is a Mexican holiday that celebrates the deceased. This holiday has evolved over thousands of years. It is a combination of Christian-Catholic rituals and folk culture. It is not the Mexican version of Halloween, as many believe.

The holiday is not filled with the gruesome, the terrifying, and the ugly; it's not about fear or images of dead people. it's simply a holiday about love.

The Day of the Dead is celebrated the first two days in November. During these two days, the families visit the graves of their relatives and decorate them with religious charms and large bright flowers such as marigolds.

The families prepare elaborate meals of meat dishes in spicy sauces, a special egg-batter bread, cookies, chocolate, and sugary confections in the shape of animals or skulls.

In the home, an altar decorated with flowers is set up for the dead. Altars for children often have their favorite toys and candy on them, while those for adults might have cigarettes or bottles of alcohol. These altars are not for worshiping the dead, but for offering love and remembrance of the departed family members.

Ahhh... the Opera

NYC experience influences Clarke students

By Megan E. Gloss Staff Contributor

ove, hate, excitement, frustration, intrigue, bitterness, comedy, tragedy . . . and of course, music to bring it all together.

The Clarke Music Department will present opera scenes featuring the works of Mozart, Donizetti and Rossini on Friday, November 8 and Saturday November 9, at 7:30 p.m. in Jansen Music Hall. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. The event is open to the public.

This year's performance will include exciting scenes from acclaimed operas such as "Cosi Fan Tutti," "E'lisir D'Amore," "Rita," and "Armida."

The audience can enjoy the unique experience of the scenes performed in both English and Italian text, full costumes, sets, and extraordinary music by some of operas greatest composers. The cast includes James Enzler, jun-

ior music major; Anna Ketterhagen, junior music and psychology major; Nicole Merritt, junior music major; Chris Portzen, senior music major; and Jake Tebbe, senior music education

James Lease, son of music professors John and Nancy Lease, will also be joining the students, as well as tenor Umberto Pomales, a special guest bringing his talents all the way from the Big Apple.

The performance is directed by John Lease, associate professor of music. Megan Gloss, a senior communication and music major is assistant director, accompanied by Nancy Lease, assistant professor of music.

Met Coaches Praise Clarke Singers

Selected students James Enzler, Nicole Merritt and Chris Portzen got the unique opportunity to travel to New York City, in preparation for the performance, to work with Charles Rieker.

Ricker, who is the former artistic director of the Metropolitan Opera, has coached a plethora of well-known opera singers at the Met for 40 years.

"There were times when Mr. Rieker thought he was working with graduate students," recalled John Lease.

"He had worked with graduate stu dents in the past that had not been able to sing the literature as well as these students from Clarke," said Lease.

Rieker not only provided the students with a free 2 1/2 hour coaching session, but treated them to dinner as well.

The students also worked with Susan Young, director of opera at the University of Puerto Rico for several years.

Young, who has coached renowned opera singers in Mexico, commented on how well prepared the students were. Chris Portzen said it was a unique opportunity to work with professionals such as Young.

"It was a life experience I wish everyone could have," she said.

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Random Sports Quotes from MLB players

"I dunno. I never smoked any Astrotruf."

-Tug McGraw, asked whether he preferred grass or Astrotruf.

"Raise the urinals." -Darrel Chaney on how management could keep the Braves on their toes.

On the Street

What sports would you like to see at Clarke?

'Football, cause I like football, and swimming."

Corine McCormick, freshmen music education major.

'Football, because we don't have it, and it would be fun to watch our school play on Saturdays."

Mike Kain, junior education major.

"Football, is exciting and just a good time to have fun with your friends." TiffanyKraemer, senior communication major.

'Football, I enjoy watching it and would like to participate in it. Also a racquetball team, racquetball is a sport with a lot of endurance." Kris Hardy, junior social work major.

NIIC announces 'Players of the Week' for the 2002 fall sports season



Junior Chelsea Peters was named NIIC "Player of the Week" three times this season for her play on the womens" tennis team.



Week ending September 8

Women's Tennis: Chelsea Peters, Junior

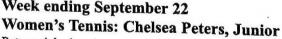
In the Crusaders" season opener, Peters did not lose a game in either her singles or doubles wins versus Eureka College, playing in the #2 position in both matches.

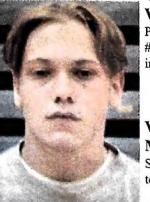


Junior Jenni Christopher

Week ending September 15 Women's Tennis: Jenni Christopher, Junior

Christopher went 4-0 on the week- 2-0 at #1 singles and 2-0 at #1 singles and 2-0 at #1doubles-as the Crusaders notched wins over Aurora University and Rockford College. In the four matches, she lost just four total games.





Peters picked up her second "Player of the Week" award by going 2-0 at #1 doubles and 2-0 at #2 singles for the league-leading Crusaders'. Peters is undefeated at #1 doubles and #2 singles in NIIC competition in 2002.

Week ending October 6

Men's Soccer: Chris Salutric, Sophomore

Salutric tallied both of the Crusaders' goals in 2-1 over NIIC foe Aurora University. Salutric took nine shots in the two matches, four of which were directly on-goal.

Sophomore Chris Salutric

Week ending October 13

Women's Tennis: Chelsea Peters, Junior

Peters went 2-0 at #2 singles and 2-0 at #1 doubles to win the NIIC Tournament at both flights. Peters finished the year with a record of 8-0 in singles and 8-0 in doubles versus NIIC competition. Overall, she was 11-3 in

World Series or Bust The long road to the big dance

By Christa Swift Staff Writer

ow did the Anaheim Angels and the San Francisco Giants get to the World Series? Where are the Yankees or the Braves? This year, the perennial teams of the postseason were quickly erased from World Series contention while the underdogs buried the competition. How ironic is it that only the two Wild Card teams are left standing after the postseason dust cleared?

This is the long road taken by the Angels and the Giants. In the American League Division Series the Angels blew away the Yankees 3 games to 1, while the Twins thumped the Oakland A's 3 games to two. In the National League Division Series San Francisco's loaded bullpen took care of the Braves 3 games to 1, while the St. Louis Cardinals blew by the Arizona Diamondbacks. last year's World Series champs, 3 games to nothing.

In the American League Championship Series, the Minnesota Twins, a team in danger of being eliminated completely this past year, couldn't seem to crack the Angels' bullpen and consequently lost the series 4-1.

At the epitome of this Cinderella story is Francisco

"As long as you've got a game to play, you've got to do your best. It really doesn't matter. If this is(my last year), then go out with a bang." Dusty Baker, manager of the Giants.

Rodriguez, a 20-year-old phenomenon from Venezuela who made his major league debut for Anaheim on September 18 against New York. The Angels, and the rest of Anaheim's fan base has nicknamed him "Frankie" or, because of his propensity for strikeouts, "K-Rod."

Rodriguez moved all the way through the minors this season to AAA. In September, even though the Angels' bullpen was in good shape, manager Mike Scioscia and pitching coach Bud Black wanted to have a look. He gave them an eyeful, pitching in five games and striking out 13 batters in 5 2/3 innings, fanning eight in a row at one point. Afterwards there was very little debate about

putting Rodriguez on the playoff roster. Since his addition, "K-Rod" has gone 5-0 in the postseason.

A thrilling NLCS ended with a heroic sacrifice by Barry Bonds. With his team trailing by a run against an almost unhittable Matt Morris, Bonds hit a long fly ball that served as a sacrifice fly, driving in the breakthrough run off the Cardinals right-hander. San Francisco clinched the N.L. championship series 4-1, ending St. Louis' World Series aspirations.

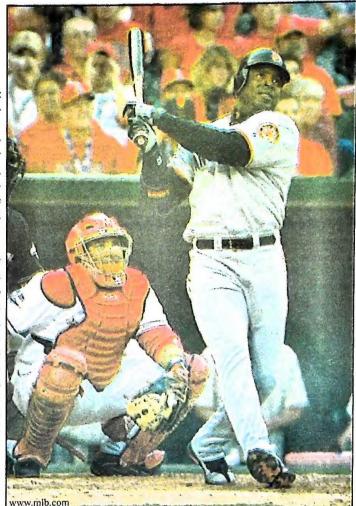
At age 38, Bonds has done the unthinkable by any means in the last two seasons. Bonds is only the 25th player in major league history to amass 2,000 hits and 400 home runs in his career, he captured the single-season home run record by amassing 73 home runs in 2001, and in 2002 hit .370 in the regular season, and was on a tear in the playoffs, hitting .303 with 6 homeruns and 12 RBI in 33 at-bats. Though he'll have to wait another season to reach 3rd place on the All-Time Homerun List, Bonds is only 47 homers shy. The avid baseball fan will be watching next season to witness his

As for the World Series, the Wild Card matchup has been just that. Each team entered the Series with six day's rest before taking the field on October 19 for Game 1. Dusty Baker told USA Today that he has had no problem San Francisco Barry Bonds hit a homer in his first World Series at-bat. remaining focused on trying to help the Giants

win the first World Series since they moved to San Francisco from New York in 1958. Baker makes reference to the status of his contract, which some may see as a distraction since he's not signed beyond this season and has been bombarded with questions during the playoffs. about his future plans.

"As long as you've got a game to play, you've got to do your best. It really doesn't matter. If this is (my last year), then go out with a bang. If it's not, then still go out with a bang. We've got an opportunity to be world champions," Baker told USA Today.

Anaheim spent its layoff relaxing and preparing for battle. The hottest offense in October's postseason, the Angels planned to dominate at the plate just as they have consistently during the playoffs. According to USA



Today's Mel Antonen, David Eckstein stayed sharp last Friday by batting against his teammates' live pitching. Each team did well statistically in the postseason

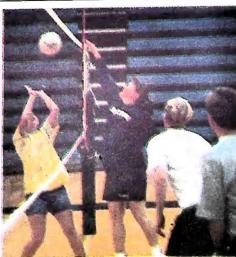
leading to the World Series, Anaheim batting a .331 average with 17 total home runs and 57 RBI. San Francisco produced a .247 batting average while hitting 13 home runs and batting in 47 runs.

Each team has its own story. This is Anaheim's first trip to the World Series since the team was created in 1961. The Giants have Benito Santiago, 37, who came back from a near fatal auto accident in 1997 and was named MVP of the NLCS this season. Whether we're watching two Cinderella stories, or just two teams who have battled it out to this moment, baseball fans around the world are at the edge of their seats wondering, whose foot will the glass slipper fit?



Junior Sarah Dickinson makes her way to the goal line during the Homecoming Powder Puff football game last weekend.

New intramural Joan director Steffen spikes the ball over the net into enemy territory during recent intramural volleyball league game. Steffen is also women's basketball coach at Clarke.



Sports Trivia

Question: Whose record did Cal Ripken break when he appeared in his 2,131 game?

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"I ate less chocolate, fewer potato chips, more salad," said Matt. "I even started to read labels, you know, those white things on the sides of boxes."

Eating a variety of fruits and vegetables and observing the health content of food was all new to Matt. Matt also became more conscious of his body's needs, and listened when his stomach was full.

A friend of Matt's told him exercise would increase his metabolism, so he gradually incorporated running into his schedule. At first, a one-mile run would tire him out. Gradually, the outdoor construction job, daily exercise, and healthy food choices trimmed away the excessive weight. Matt's clothes started to become much

By the end of his freshman year at Clarke, Matt had lost 90 pounds and shed his old physical self.

"To this day, I still see people from my high school that have no clue who I am," he said.

Weighing only 60 percent of his original weight, Matt continued an inner struggle to be even more fit, balancing on a fine line between being healthy and starving. His friends confronted him.

"They told me to get some help or start eating," Matt said.

He heeded their advice, and re-

evaluated his own body image.

Matt currently runs 45 to 50 miles a week, and balances his time between his girlfriend of two years, senior Leah Valenta, graduate studies and cross country as the men's team captain.

Cross country coach Joe Wagner has coached Matt for three cross country seasons.

"He has so much focus, motivation, and leadership," Wagner said. Matt loves to strum the music of Dave Matthews on his guitar. He also listens to jazz-tenor saxophone player, John Coltrane, an interest that stemmed from his high school band days.

His real passion will always be physical therapy. Fellow physical therapy major and roommate Aaron Giese said, "Matt has certain ideals that he must accomplish-- as a physical therapy major, as a runner, as a person."

A small poster hanging neatly above his bed states this: "Perseverance - the difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will."

The former overweight football star who became a fit runner understands this.

"I know I can do great things, I have the ability," he said.

Win a free pizza from the Courier

This week we are kicking off a new feature in the Courier. Each week we will have a trivia section. Identify the movies quoted below and win a free pizza from Happy Joe's. The first person to get all ten correct will win the pizza. Email your answers either to

jessica.meierotto@ clarke.edu or tim.sherlock @clarke.edu.

1. You're money baby. 2. It's our time down

3. Not so funny meow,

4. She wants...my body. 5. Be everywhere, save

self, firearms are useless. 6. As of this moment, they're on double secret probation.

7. It will be mine. Oh yes. It will be mine.

8. You have smoked yourself retarded!

9. Go back to your shanties. 10. It's about time

Benny, my clothes are goin' out of style.

Cause Candy Commotion Ten Tips to Confuse your HalloweenTrick-or-Treaters

the . trick-or-treaters and let them order their candy. Keep asking if anyone wants to see the wine list.

2. When people come to the door, jump out a nearby window, crashing through the glass, and run as far away from your house as you can.

3. Wait behind the door until people come. When they get near the door, jump out, wearing a costume, and holding a bag, and yell, "Trick or Treat!" Look at them, scratch your head, and act confused.

4. Fill a briefcase with marbles. Write "Top Secret" on it in big letters. When

Sunday 11 am-Midnight

1. Hand out menus to trick-or-treaters come, look around suspiciously, say, "It's about time you got here," give them the briefcase, and quickly shut the door.

> 5. After you give out candy, hand the trickor-treaters a bill.

6. Open the door dressed as a giant fish. Immediately collapse, and don't move or say anything until the trick-ortreaters go away.

7. Answer the door dressed as a pilgrim. Stare at the trick-ortreaters, pretend to be confused, and start flipping through a calendar.

8. Instead of candy, give away colored eggs. If anyone protests, explain that the eggs are the only thing you had left over from Easter,

9. Answer the door with a mouthful of M & M's and several half-eaten candy bars in your hands. Act surprised, and close the door. Open it again in a few seconds, and insist that you don't have any candy.

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10. Put a crown on a pumpkin and put the pumpkin on a throne on your porch. Insist that all of the trick-ortreaters bow before the pumpkin.

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fewer gun licenses sold this year, and 18 percent fewer gun and bow licenses sold. "If up to 30 percent of hunters stay home, this will have a major impact on Wisconsin's economy," Doyle said. "Too many families depend on this part of Wisconsin's tourism and recreation econo-

Doyle feels McCallum isn't educating those in the deer-and elk-related industries about the most recent information on the spread of the disease. "We should be operating in cooperation with the small businesses around the state, not keeping them in the dark," Doyle said. "Wisconsin's governor should be doing everything possible to restore the hunter confidence in our deer herd."

If Doyle is elected, he plans to set up a public-private partnership to provide onsite registration station testing for deer and elk hunters throughout the state. "To restore public confidence, we need on-site registration station testing that is quick, affordable and accessible to help restore hunter confidence in their deer meat," Doyle said. "We need a public/private partnership with labs around the state to keep the cost affordable and to assure that these

tests are available in every part of the state, not just in the CWD endemic area." Doyle says hunters would benefit from

the test to assure the safety of their meat. The state would benefit by receiving a substantial amount of data about the health of the deer herd in every part of the state. There are private labs in Wisconsin ready to invest money and are waiting for federal guidelines and approval.

Doyle is proud of the bi-partisan commit ment in combating CWD in Wisconsin, both at the state level and among our congressional delegation. "But the McCallum administration's silence on the USDA's decision not to allow private labs to conduct testing is inexplicable. We need leadership now from the Governor to fight for Wisconsin on this issue."

Doyle is right; it's time for someone to take the leadership position and end this chronic state of worry. Even though McCallum has been making efforts to deal with this situation, the state of Wisconsin stands still and waits. Doyle isn't going to sit back anymore and watch his state continue to battle CWD. With Doyle in office, strides will finally be made towards controlling and preventing the spread of CWD.



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